

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 5-6 of the specification with the following:

When the bit rate of the transport stream must not be increased, the available bandwidth is advantageously created ~~as indicated in claim 2 of the present patent application~~ by selecting one or more elementary stream(s) in the input transport stream, demultiplexing the selected elementary stream(s), transcoding the encoded data contained in the demultiplexed elementary stream(s) in order to reduce the bit rate they occupy, and remultiplexing the transcoded data while inserting null transport packets so that the generated intermediate transport stream has a bit rate that is smaller or equal to the bit rate of said input transport stream.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 6-7 of the specification with the following:

When the bit rate of the transport stream must be increased,  
the available bandwidth is advantageously created ~~as indicated in~~  
~~claim 3 of the present patent application~~ by inserting null packets  
into the input transport stream, so that the intermediate transport  
stream has a higher bit rate than the input transport stream.